

**Whereas**, the Advancement for the Developmentally Disabled, Incorporated, has contributed \$100,000 for the establishment of the Louise Thielbar Keisker Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Developmental Disabilities at Central Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, the Louise Thielbar Keisker Scholarship is to encourage advanced education for professional educators providing critical care and support of those affected by a developmental disability; and

**Whereas**, the Board members of the Advancement for the Developmentally Disabled chose to name the scholarship in honor of Dr. Louise Thielbar Keisker, a member of the special education faculty at Central Missouri State University who spent her career championing the education of others to the challenges presented by developmental disabilities; and

**Whereas**, the primary purpose of the Advancement for the Developmentally Disabled is to meet the needs of children and adults who experience developmental disabilities and to meet the needs of their families and/or guardians relative to the individual's disability; and

**Whereas**, the professional teaching career of Dr. Louise Thielbar Keisker consisted of teaching in the elementary classroom, special education classroom for severe disabilities, State School for Severe Disabilities, and Professor of Special Education (Severe Disabilities) at Central Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Dr. Keisker is volunteering her time assisting children and adults with disabilities in various communities and is planning to publish instructional materials to assist educators working with individuals with developmental disabilities; and

**Whereas**, a member of the First Baptist Church in Knob Noster, Louise Thielbar Keisker has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Larry Keisker; two children, Angela Thielbar and Sonny Thielbar; and two step-children, Steve Keisker and Shari Johnson:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the establishment of the Louise Thielbar Keisker Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Developmental Disabilities at Central Missouri State University; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to recognize the establishment of the Louise Thielbar Keisker Scholarship.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative David Pearce  
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4118, adopted September 21, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker